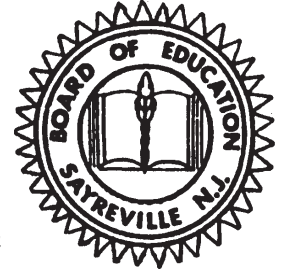


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The Sayreville Board of Education congratulates those who are at the

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**AMERICAN LEGION POST 211
MR. RICHARD KOSMOSKI
"THOSE WHO FOUGHT FOR US"
ARLETHELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Arleth Elementary School commemorated the 70th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor in December. Retired Chief Petty Officer, Richard Kosmoski, along with the Sayreville American Legion 211, presented a PowerPoint Program that included facts about the types of ships used by our military and the meaning of the badges worn by the military. There were maps that explained how the Japanese were able to surprise the United States so easily on December 7, 1941. The actual radio broadcast, by President Roosevelt, was also played. At the end of the program, each member of the American Legion stood and pointed to the students and said, "I fought for you!" This was a reminder to us of the sacrifice that is given by our armed forces each day!

ARLETHELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF

The holidays were made a little brighter this past December thanks to the students and staff at Arleth School. The children and teachers of Arleth School decorated a holiday tree with scarves, hats, gloves and toys. These items were donated to needy people. Arleth Teachers, Jeanine Caccio and Kara Duffy, delivered over ten bags of gifts to Women Aware of Middlesex County (a women's shelter), to Bristol-Meyers Squibb Children's Hospital at R.W.J. University Hospital and to local outreach centers. It truly is better to give than receive!

SAMSEL UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF

The students and faculty at the Samsel Upper Elementary School ate through boxes of specially marked Cheerios throughout the month of November in an effort to collect Cheer postcards for families of those fighting overseas. For each postcard received, the USO contributed \$1 to help support programs for military families. We were able to collect fourteen specially marked boxes to send to the USO and approximately 30 regular boxes for which students of the SUES wrote messages to Captain Scott Armstrong, son of Lanette Armstrong, a paraprofessional at the Samsel Upper Elementary

School. Additionally, the faculty of the SUES raised money to purchase stamps to mail the postcards to the USO. Any remaining money was donated to the Wounded Warriors Project and we are pleased to announce that we were able to send a money order in the amount of \$116.74 on behalf of the SUES. Thank you to all who participated and more importantly, thank you Veterans!

SWMHS HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS BEATRICE TRINIDAD RAVI CHURAMAN ALYSSA NOVAK MR. PETER ALVAREZ

Mr. Peter Alvarez' High School Robotics classes recently held the First Annual Robotic Sumo Wrestling Tournament. Each of Mr. Alvarez' three classes were divided into three person teams and had to design, create and build a robot to their own specifications for the tournament. Each class held its own best of seven tournament, with two teams from each class advancing. Two other at large teams were added to create a championship tournament of eight teams. The robots battled until there were two teams remaining for the school championship. The finals were held with a series of strobe lights flashing and motivational music playing. The championship team, Team Yokozuna (meaning Sumo Grand Champion) consisted of Beatrice Trinidad, Ravi Churaman and Alyssa Novak, who worked together with a great chemistry and intensity to create a robot that proved to be the perfect combination of size, strength and weight necessary to win. Much of the work was done after school on the students' own time. Congratulations to Mr. Alvarez, Team Yokozuna and all the students who participated in this highly educational endeavor.

MR. EMIDIO D'ANDREA MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS OFFICE TEAM

Congratulations on the receipt of another successful audit of the Sayreville Board of Education finances. Our district financials received an "unqualified" opinion which means that the financials presented and maintained by the business office accurately reflect the financial condition of the district without the need for any "qualifying" statements to correct them. This is the highest opinion an auditing firm can give regarding financial statements. It should also be noted that this opinion was obtained from a different auditing firm than was utilized in prior years. Past audits of the Board's finances were also given an identical opinion.